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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOT to implement complete streets policy that considers persons with certain disabilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning the Department of Transportation's
2 implementation of a complete streets policy and supplementing
3 Title 27 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. The Department of Transportation shall implement a
9 complete streets policy to plan, design, construct, maintain, and
10 operate new and rehabilitated public highways and public
11 transportation projects, as those terms are defined pursuant to
12 section 3 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-3), to provide safe access for
13 all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, individuals
14 with mobility impairments, and persons diagnosed with autism
15 spectrum disorder and persons with intellectual and developmental
16 disabilities. The complete streets policy shall require the
17 consideration and implementation of design elements and
18 infrastructure improvement projects that promote the ability of
19 persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and persons with
20 intellectual and developmental disabilities to travel independently.

21 b. The department shall develop universal design concepts that
22 advance the mobility options for individuals with intellectual and
23 developmental disabilities and individuals diagnosed with autism
24 spectrum disorder, within the complete streets policy established
25 pursuant to subsection a. of this section. The department shall
26 develop guidance and policies for the means by which the universal
27 design concepts shall be incorporated into the planning, design,
28 construction, maintenance, and operation of new and rehabilitated
29 public highways and public transportation projects, as those terms
30 are defined pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-3).

31 c. The department shall encourage regional and local entities
32 that apply for funding through the local aid program, pursuant to
33 section 25 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-25), to adopt a complete
34 streets policy that complies with the provisions of this section.

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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39 STATEMENT

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41 This bill requires the Department of Transportation (department)
42 to implement a complete streets policy to plan, design, construct,
43 maintain, and operate new and rehabilitated public highways and
44 public transportation projects to provide safe access for all users,
45 including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, individuals with
46 mobility impairments, and persons with diagnosed with autism
47 spectrum disorder and persons with intellectual and developmental
48 disabilities. The complete streets policy is to require the

1 consideration and implementation of design elements and
2 infrastructure improvement projects that promote the ability persons
3 with diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and persons with
4 intellectual and developmental disabilities to travel independently.

5 The bill also requires the department, as part of the complete
6 streets policy, to develop universal design concepts that advance the
7 mobility options for persons with intellectual and developmental
8 disabilities and individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum
9 disorder. The department is to develop guidance and policies for
10 the means by which the universal design concepts are to be
11 incorporated into the planning, design, construction, maintenance,
12 and operation of new and rehabilitated public highways and public
13 transportation projects.

14 The department is required to encourage regional and local
15 entities that apply for funding through the local aid program to
16 adopt a complete streets policy consistent with the bill.